

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please **amend** claims 9, 10, 12-14, 22 and 26 as follows:

9. (Four Times Amended) An extension board installed in a tone generator for generating musical tone signals in response to performance information, comprising:
a storage device for storing pattern information representing a prescribed sound pattern;
and
a reproducing device for reproducing musical tone signals of the prescribed sound pattern in accordance with the pattern information stored in the storage device in response to the performance information supplied from the tone generator, the reproduced musical tone signals having an extended music element, wherein the tone generator is independently incapable of generating musical tone signals having the extended music element.

10. (Four Times Amended) An extension board according to claim 9, wherein the extended music element is a tone color and the reproduced musical tone signals have a specific tone color, which differs from an original tone color pre-installed in the tone generator.

12. (Three Times Amended) An extension board according to claim 10, wherein the reproducing device secures a plurality of extended tone colors, each of which is selectively used for reproduction of musical tone signals of the prescribed sound pattern.

13. (Three Times Amended) An extension board according to claim 11, wherein the reproducing device secures a plurality of extended tone colors, each of which is selectively used for reproduction of musical tone signals of the arpeggio pattern.

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14. (Three Times Amended) An extension board according to claim 9, wherein the extended music element is an effect, so that the reproducing device sequentially reproduces musical tone signals having the extended effect at timings being shifted from their original timings.

22. (Four Times Amended) A function expanding method comprising the steps of:
storing pattern information representing a prescribed sound pattern in an extension board;
supplying performance information for generating musical tone signals from a tone generator to the extension board; and
10³ reproducing musical tone signals of the prescribed sound pattern in accordance with the pattern information stored in said step of storing in response to the performance information supplied from said step of supplying, the reproduced musical tone signals having an extended music element, wherein the tone generator is independently incapable of generating musical tone signals having the extended music element.

26. (Four Times Amended) A machine-readable media storing programs and data that cause an extension board installed in a tone generator to perform a function expanding method comprising the steps of:

storing pattern information representing a prescribed sound pattern in an extension board;

10⁴ supplying performance information for generating musical tone signals from the tone generator to the extension board; and

reproducing musical tone signals of the prescribed sound pattern in accordance with the pattern information stored in said step of storing in response to the performance information supplied from said step of supplying, the reproduced musical tone signals having an extended music element, wherein the tone generator is independently incapable of generating musical tone signals having the extended music element.
